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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC VISA VALIDITY.

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1. CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION PROPOSED RECIPROCAL EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF DIPLOMATIC VISAS AS OUTLINED IN REF. A LAST SPRING TO CONSULAR DEPT. MFA. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS IS OPTIMUM TIME TO PRESS ON WITH THIS PROPOSAL BOTH IN LIGHT OF ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR BOLEN AND AS FURTHER STEP FORWARD IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT.

2. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF NOTE TO MFA DESCRIBED IN PARA. 3 OF REF. B. BEGIN TEXT "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS PREPARED, ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF EXTENDED VALIDITY NONIMMIGRANT VISAS TO DIPLOMATIC AND STAFF PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ASSIGNED TO DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES. SUCH PERSONNEL AND THEIR IMMEDIATE

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FAMILY MEMBERS WOULD RECEIVE ON INITIAL APPLICATION MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR THE UNITED STATES VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS AS INDICATED BY THE MINISTRY UP TO A MAXIMUM VALIDITY OF 48 MONTHS. THE VALIDITY OF VISAS ISSUED TO THE ATTENDANTS, SERVANTS AND PERSONAL EMPLOYEES OF SUCH PERSONNEL WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO PERIODIC RENEWALS AS IN

THE PAST.

THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE ISSUANCE OF EXTENDED VALIDITY VISAS BEGIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE MINISTRY'S REPLY TO THIS NOTE CONFIRMING ITS RECIPROCAL EXTENSION OF THE VALIDITY OF MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS FOR UNITED STATES PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

THE EMBASSY AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE MINISTRY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION".

3. GDR PRACTICE OF INITIALLY HAVING ITS EMBASSIES ABROAD ISSUE DIPLOMATIC VISAS VALID FOR THREE MONTHS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CONTINUE, WITH EXTENDED MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA BEING ISSUED BY MFA CONSULAR DEPT. SPOKESMAN HAD POINTED OUT AT MARCH MEETING GDR EMBASSIES ABROAD ARE LIMITED TO ISSUANCE OF VISAS WITH THREE MONTHS VALIDITY. OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT THIS PRACTICE WILL BE COMMUNICATED ORALLY WHEN NOTE DELIVERED.

4. DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF TEXT AND VIEWS ON TIMING OF PRESENTATION REQUESTED. BOLEN

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